

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-65. **(Canceled)**

66. **(Previously Presented)** An information presentation system comprising:

a playback device;

a management device; and

a terminal device, wherein

said terminal device is a different entity from said playback device,

said playback device plays back a content, obtains (i) a content identifier that identifies the content having been played back by said playback device, and (ii) rental information that shows whether or not the content is a rental content, and transmits the content identifier and the rental information to the management device, and

the management device including:

a storage unit operable to store a content identifier that identifies a content having been played back in a past by the playback device in association with rental information that shows whether or not the content is a rental content;

a receiving unit operable to receive, from the playback device, (i) a new content identifier that identifies a new content having newly been played back by the playback device and (ii) new rental information that shows whether or not the new content is a rental content;

an update unit operable to

(i) perform an update on the stored rental information so as to show that the content is not the rental content when (a) the received new content identifier and the stored content identifier identify a same content, and (b) the stored rental information shows that the content is the rental content, and the received new rental information shows that the new content is not the rental content,

(ii) perform no update on the stored rental information regardless of whether or not the received new rental information shows that the new content is the rental content when (a) the

received new content identifier and the stored content identifier identify the same content, and (b) the stored rental information shows that the content is not the rental content, and

(iii) store the new content identifier and the new rental information to the storage unit, when the received new content identifier and the stored content identifier identify different contents from each other;

a generation unit operable to generate presentation information using the stored content identifier and the stored rental information in response to a request from the terminal device; and

an output unit operable to output the presentation information to the terminal device, and the terminal device makes the request to the management device to generate the presentation information, obtains the presentation information from said management device, and presents the presentation information.

67. (Previously Presented) A management device included in an information presentation system together with a playback device and a terminal device, the terminal device being a different entity from the playback device, and the management device comprising:

a storage unit operable to store a content identifier that identifies a content having been played back in a past by the playback device in association with rental information that shows whether or not the content is a rental content;

a receiving unit operable to receive, from the playback device, (i) a new content identifier that identifies a new content having newly been played back by the playback device and (ii) new rental information that shows whether or not the new content is a rental content;

an update unit operable to

(i) perform an update on the stored rental information so as to show that the content is not the rental content when (a) the received new content identifier and the stored content identifier identify a same content, and (b) the stored rental information shows that the content is the rental content, and the received new rental information shows that the new content is not the rental content,

(ii) perform no update on the stored rental information regardless of whether or not the received new rental information shows that the new content is the rental content when (a) the received new content identifier and the stored content identifier identify the same content, and (b) the stored rental information shows that the content is not the rental content, and

(iii) store the new content identifier and the new rental information to the storage unit, when the received new content identifier and the stored content identifier identify different contents from each other;

a generation unit operable to generate presentation information using the stored content identifier and the stored rental information in response to a request from the terminal device; and

an outputting unit operable to output the presentation information to the terminal device.

68. (Previously Presented) The management device of claim 67, wherein
said generation unit includes:

an information storage unit operable to store therein a plurality of content identifiers in association with attribute information related to the plurality of content identifiers respectively identifying a plurality of content and the attribute information indicating attributes for corresponding content; and

an information generating unit operable to generate the presentation information, in response to the request from the terminal device, using (i), from among the stored attribute information, attribute information which corresponds to the stored content identifier, (ii) the stored content identifier and (iii) the stored rental information.

69. (Previously Presented) The management device of Claim 68, wherein
said information generating unit includes:
an attribute-information extraction unit operable to extract the attribute information corresponding to the stored content identifier stored in the storage unit from among a plurality of attribute information;

an attribute-information write unit operable to write to said storage unit, library information including the extracted attribute information, the stored content identifier and the stored rental information; and

a presentation-information generating unit operable to generate the presentation information using the library information written to said storage unit.

70. (Previously Presented) The management device of claim 69, wherein
the attribute information stored in said information storage unit are grouped under a plurality of categories,

the request from the terminal device includes a particular one of the categories, and
said information generating unit generates the presentation information using attribute information belonging to the particular one of the categories and a content identifier and rental information corresponding to the attribute information.

71. (Previously Presented) The management device of claim 69, wherein
said receiving unit further receives a user identifier that identifies a user who played back the new content, together with the reception of the new content identifier and the new rental information,

said storage unit stores one or more library list information, each library list information including a user identifier in association with one or more library information,

the request from the terminal device includes a particular user identifier, and
said generation unit generates the presentation information based on the library list information corresponding to the particular user identifier, the library list information being library list information stored in said storage unit.

72. (Previously Presented) The management device of claim 67, wherein

said receiving unit further receives a user identifier identifying a user who played back the new content, together with the reception of the new content identifier and the new rental information,

the storage unit stores therein the content identifier and the rental information in association with a user identifier,

the request from the terminal device includes a particular user identifier, and

said generation unit generates the presentation information based on a content identifier and rental information stored in association with the particular user identifier.

73. (Previously Presented) The management device of claim 67, wherein

said generation unit includes:

an attribute-information acquiring unit operable to acquire, from another device, attribute information indicating attributes of a content identified by the received new content identifier;

an attribute-information write unit operable to write to said storage unit, library information including the acquired attribute information, the received new content content identifier and the received new rental information ; and

a presentation-information generating unit operable to generate the presentation information using library information written to said storage unit.

74. (Previously Presented) The management device of claim 73, wherein the management device is a portable recording medium connectable to the playback device and to the terminal device, wherein

said receiving unit receives the new content identifier and the new rental information when the management device is connected to the playback device, and

said outputting unit outputs the presentation information when the management device is connected to the terminal device.

75. (Previously Presented) The management device of claim 73, wherein

attribute information stored in said storage unit is grouped under a plurality of categories, the request from the terminal device includes a particular one of the categories, and said generating unit generates the presentation information using attribute information belonging to the particular one of the categories and a content identifier corresponding to attribute information and rental information.

76. (Previously Presented) The management device of claim 67, wherein
the request from the terminal device includes a particular content identifier, and
said generation unit generates the presentation information indicating whether the particular content identifier is stored in said storage unit.

77. (Previously Presented) The management device of claim 76, wherein
the request from the terminal device includes a plurality of content identifiers, and
said generation unit generates the presentation information indicating, for each of the content identifiers, whether the content identifier is stored in said storage unit.

78. (Previously Presented) The management device of claim 67, wherein
said generation unit includes:
a password storage unit operable to store therein a first password;
a password receiving unit operable to receive a second password from the terminal device, and wherein
a presentation-information generating unit judges whether the first password matches the second password, and when judging affirmatively, generates the presentation information using the content identifier and the rental information stored in said storage unit in response to the request from the terminal device.

79-83. (Canceled)

84. (Previously Presented) A management method used in a management device that is included in an information presentation system together with a playback device and a terminal device, the terminal device being a different entity from the playback device, and the management device including a storage unit storing therein a content identifier that identifies a content having been played back in a past by the playback device in association with rental information that shows whether or not the content is a rental content, the management method comprising:

a receiving step of receiving at a receiving unit and from the playback device (i) a new content identifier that identifies a new content having newly been played back by the playback device and (ii) new rental information that shows whether or not the new content is a rental content;

an updating step at an updating unit of

(i) performing an update on the stored rental information so as to show that the content is not the rental content when (a) the received new content identifier and the stored content identifier identify a same content, and (b) the stored rental information shows that the content is the rental content, and the received new rental information shows that the new content is not the rental content,

(ii) performing no update on the stored rental information regardless of whether or not the received new rental information shows that the new content is the rental content when (a) the received new content identifier and the stored content identifier identify the same content, and (b) the stored rental information shows that the content is not the rental content, and

(iii) storing the new content identifier and the new rental information to the storage unit, when the received new content identifier and the stored content identifier identify different contents from each other;

a generation step of generating at a generation unit presentation information using the stored content identifier and the stored rental information in response to a request from the terminal device; and

an outputting step of outputting from an outputting unit the presentation information to the terminal device via an outputting unit.

85. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable recording medium on which a management program is stored, the management program being for use in a management device included in an information presentation system together with a playback device and a terminal device, the terminal device being a different entity from the playback device, the management device including a storage unit storing therein a content identifier that identifies a content having been played back by the playback device in association with rental information the shows whether the content is a rental content or not, and the management program causing a computer to perform the following:

a receiving step of receiving, from the playback device, (i) a new content identifier, that identifies a new content having newly been played back, from the playback device and (ii) new rental information that shows whether or not the new content is a rental content;

an updating step of

(i) performing an update on the stored rental information so as to show that the content is not the rental content when (a) the received new content identifier and the stored content identifier identify a same content, and (b) the stored rental information shows that the content is the rental content, and the received new rental information shows that the new content is not the rental content,

(ii) performing no update on the stored rental information regardless of whether or not the received new rental information shows that the new content is the rental content when (a) the received new content identifier and the stored content identifier identify the same content, and (b) the stored rental information shows that the content is not the rental content, and

(iii) storing the new content identifier and the new rental information to the storage unit, when the received new content identifier and the stored content identifier identify different contents from each other;

a generation step of generating presentation information using the stored content identifier and the stored rental information in the storage unit in response to a request from the terminal device; and

an outputting step of outputting the presentation information to the terminal device via an outputting unit.

86. (Canceled)

87. (Previously Presented) A playback device that is used together with a management device, the playback device comprising:

a playback unit operable to play back a content recorded in a recording medium;

an acquiring unit operable, when the content has been played back, to acquire from the recording medium (i) a content identifier that identifies the content having been played back by the playback unit; and (ii) rental information that shows whether or not the content is a rental content;

a storage unit operable to store a content identifier and rental information, which have been transmitted in a past to the management device, the management device managing the content identifier and the rental information transmitted from the playback device;

a transmission unit operable to

(i) transmit the acquired content identifier and the acquired rental information to the management device, when (a) the acquired content identifier and the stored content identifier identify the same content, and (b) the stored rental information shows that the content is the rental content, and the acquired rental information shows that the content is not the rental content,

(ii) suppress transmitting of the acquired content identifier and the acquired rental information to the management device, when (a) the acquired content identifier and the stored content identifier identify the same content, and (b) the stored rental information shows that the content is not the rental content,

(iii) transmit the acquired content identifier and the acquired rental information to the management device when the acquired content identifier and the stored content identifier identify different contents from each other; and

an updating unit operable to update the storing unit to store the acquired content identifier and the acquired rental information, when the transmission unit transmits the acquired content identifier and the acquired rental information to the management device.

88. (Previously Presented) A playback method used in a playback device that is used together with a management device, the playback method comprising:

a playback step of playing back a content recorded in a recording medium;

an acquiring step of, when the content has been played back, acquiring from the recording medium (i) a content identifier that identifies the content having been played back by the playback unit; and (ii) rental information that shows whether or not the content is a rental content;

a storage step of storing a content identifier and rental information, which have been transmitted in a past to the management device, the management device managing the content identifier and the rental information transmitted from the playback device;

a transmission step of

(i) transmitting the acquired content identifier and the acquired rental information to the management device, when (a) the acquired content identifier and the stored content identifier identify the same content, and (b) the stored rental information shows that the content is the rental content, and the acquired rental information shows that the content is not the rental content,

(ii) suppressing transmitting of the acquired content identifier and the acquired rental information to the management device, when (a) the acquired content identifier and the stored content identifier identify the same content, and (b) the stored rental information shows that the content is not the rental content,

(iii) transmitting the acquired content identifier and the acquired rental information to the

management device when the acquired content identifier and the stored content identifier identify different contents from each other; and

an update step of updating the storing unit to store the acquired content identifier and the acquired rental information, when the transmission unit transmits the acquired content identifier and the acquired rental information to the management device.

89. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable recording ~~recording~~ medium on which a playback program is stored, the playback program being used in a playback device that is used together with a management device, and the playback program causes the playback device to perform:

a playback step of playing back a content recorded in a recording medium;

an acquiring step of, when the content has been played back, acquiring from the recording medium (i) a content identifier that identifies the content having been played back by the playback unit; and (ii) rental information that shows whether or not the content is a rental content;

a storage step of storing a content identifier and rental information, which have been transmitted in a past to the management device, the management device managing the content identifier and the rental information transmitted from the playback device;

a transmission step of

(i) transmitting the acquired content identifier and the acquired rental information to the management device, when (a) the acquired content identifier and the stored content identifier identify the same content, and (b) the stored rental information shows that the content is the rental content, and the acquired rental information shows that the content is not the rental content,

(ii) suppressing transmitting of the acquired content identifier and the acquired rental information to the management device, when (a) the acquired content identifier and the stored content identifier identify the same content, and (b) the stored rental information shows that the content is not the rental content,

(iii) transmitting the acquired content identifier and the acquired rental information to the management device when the acquired content identifier and the stored content identifier identify different contents from each other; and

an update step of updating the storing unit to store the acquired content identifier and the acquired rental information, when the transmission unit transmits the acquired content identifier and the acquired rental information to the management device.